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11. (U) Post contacted Gunta Gabrane, Deputy Director of the Latvian Nature Protection Board to deliver reftel demarche. Gabrane stated that the GOL would follow the EU consensus, and after checking on what the consensus positions were, gave us the following information.

12. (U) The GOL, she stated, will not support the US proposal to remove the bobcat, as they believe that look-alike issues exist with other Lynx species. No EU position exists, according to Gabrane, on the pink and red corals, and the issue would be worked out later. She said that the EU should support the US proposal on the sawfish. She stated that the GOL will follow the German lead on the spiny dogfish and porbeagle items, but that the Japanese would probably harpoon the spiny dogfish proposal.

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